

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
XINWU CHEN ET AL. ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed Japanese document, together with an English-language Abstract therefor, is also enclosed. The Japanese document may be relevant for the reasons set forth in its English-language Abstract.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits. Therefore, Applicants believe that no fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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